

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendment above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

No claims have been canceled or added in this paper. Claims 1-4 and 10 have been amended in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-5, 9-10 and 12 are pending and under active consideration.

Claim 9 has been allowed.

Claims 1-3 and 10¹ have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, "as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." In support of the rejection, the Patent Office states the following:

The expression "an organic residue capable of bonding covalently two aziridine oxime groups" is indefinite, connoting no information as to which portion of the molecule remains because the accepted meaning of a residue is a material that remains after any procedure to remove something. Additionally, to the skilled artisan, the term residue would be understood to include some remainder rather than no remainder at all, which would be the case when R is a single bond.

Claim 10 recites the limitation "1,1'-[1,2-bis(hydroxyimino)-1,2-ethanediyl]bisaziridine" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Applicants respectfully traverse the foregoing rejection. Claims 1-3 have been amended herein so that the term "organic residue" has been replaced with the term "organic group." Applicants respectfully submit that the term "organic group" is understood by those of ordinary skill in the art and is apparent in view of the present specification. Moreover, Applicants note that, in the

¹ Claim 10 was not included in the statement of the rejection; however, the body of the rejection includes grounds for rejecting claim 10. Therefore, Applicants have assumed that the omission of claim 10 from the statement of the rejection was a clerical error. Clarification is respectfully requested if Applicants' assumption is in error.

English abstract of the publication for the subject PCT application, R is said to be an "organic group."

Claim 10 has been re-written in independent form, thereby obviating the ground of the rejection relating to claim 10.

Accordingly, for at least the above reasons, the subject rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 4-5 and 12 stand objected to "as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Applicants respectfully traverse the subject objection. This is, in part, because the indefiniteness rejection of the claims from which claims 4-5 and 12 depend, has been overcome in the manner discussed above. Consequently, the subject objection has also been overcome and should be withdrawn.

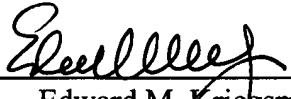
In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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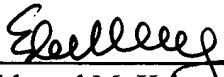
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